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Kevin's Comments From Today's Press Conference on City's Financial Forecast

Like small businesses in every neighborhood, City government must live within its means. When times are tough in the private sector, every effort is made to lower costs, and we must do the same at City Hall. I can't stress that enough.

This forecast strengthens my resolve – as a council member and as Audit Committee Chair – to guard San Diego's tax dollars and protect city services. To do that, we have to save money and we must work smarter.

I believe we have to pursue managed competition, and I strongly believe that we have to continue to squeeze the most we can out of city government.

It's why we beefed up the City's auditing department this year and why those auditors are focusing on performance audits. As we speak, our auditors are taking a look at the performance of numerous city departments to try and find additional efficiencies and savings.

I am confident the City Council will work collaboratively with the Mayor in the coming months to strengthen our financial footing.

We're no different than the families who have less to spend, or the small business owners forced to cut costs. Just like them, we have to continue to make tough choices.